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SUBJECT: VALIDATION STUDY OF INDIAN A2 AND A3 VISA APPLICANTS

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¶1. (SBU) As one of a number of ongoing validation studies (reftel) by the Fraud Prevention personnel in Mission India, Embassy New Delhi conducted a review of selected A2 and all A3 visa recipients in FY 2007. Results indicate appropriate use of the visa by all recipients in the study. Given the high volume of A visa issuances at post (over 2200 in FY08), the results are encouraging and support continued close coordination with Government of India officials.

¶2. (SBU) Embassy New Delhi following FPP procedures selected a random sample of 800 A2 visa recipients from FY 2007 for a validation study. Upon receipt of ADIS results, staff members reviewed arrival and departure information for possible overstays. A significant number of visa holders departed via means other than commercial aircraft (for example via the USS Trenton recommissioned as the INS Jalashva), but none were found to be out-of-status. Post will continue to monitor this category for possible misuse.

¶3. (SBU) A related check of all 14 A3 visa recipients issued in FY 2007 also found no out-of-status travelers.

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